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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

1. QUOTED BELOW IS A LETTER FROM SENATOR MATSUNAGA CONCERNING HIS CONSTITUENT, JAMES YARBROUGH. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING US OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF MR. YARBROUGH'S PROBLEM.

2. QUOTE: MR. JAMES YARBROUGH, 7192 KALANIANA'OLE HIGHWAY, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96825, HAS CONTACTED ME REGARDING TWO COMPANIES HE OWNS IN PANAMA, EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INCORPORATED (WITHIN THE ZONE), AND E.T.S. DE PANAMA (OUTSIDE THE ZONE). BOTH ARE MOVING AND STORAGE COMPANIES THAT HANDLE U.S. MILITARY CONTRACTS IN PANAMA, AS WELL AS REPRESENTING MANY LARGE U.S. MOVING AND STORAGE FIRMS.

3. QUOTE: ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MR. YARBROUGH, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PANAMANIAN
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GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF HIS COMPANIES. I HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVISED THAT HE AND HIS SON, JAMES YARBROUGH, JR., WHO RESIDES IN PANAMA AND MANAGES THE COMPANIES, HAVE CONTACTED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

4. QUOTE: I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT AND

CAREFUL REVIEW OF THIS SITUATION AND A FULL REPORT THAT
WOULD ASSIST ME IN RESPONDING TO MY CONSTITUENT. ALL
PROPER ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE THAT CAN BE RENDERED MR.
YARBROUGH IN HIS EFFORTS TO REGAIN CONTROL OF HIS
COMPANIES WILL ALSO BE APPRECIATED. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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